

IDOL DI LANGEN

POL. PLANGON,
The Great French Singer.

is in Perfect Voice.

**Believes in Keeping So, and
Tells How He Does It.**

Among the few great artists who
came from France to this country

With the inevitable strain accom-

This is what he says in regard to : "I frequently use the Genuine JOHANN HOFF'S MALT EXTRACT in France, whenever I felt myself run down. I also use it in

merica and find it most excellent in
 "earing my voice."
 Ask for the "Genuine JOHANN
 OFF'S MALT EXTRACT.
 Accept no other.

THE LABOR PROBLEM.

provisions of the Phillips Bill for a
Non-Partisan Commission.
 The Phillips bill for the appointment of a

partisan commission to collate information and to consider and recommend legislation to meet the problems presented by labor, agriculture and capital has been reported to the House. Accompanying the bill is a long report, which says, among other things, that the commission is designed also to benefit the business men, the disturbed condition of affairs has entailed great loss upon the business community. The loss of \$34,000,000 in six years by the employers of labor, as shown in

at a fractional part of that sustained by transporters, merchants and others engaged in business pursuits. Business men have and will continue to suffer great deprivations in value and increasing losses unless a better adjustment is made. Business men need and business interests require, the report concludes, a just and more satisfactory settlement of differences with those with whom they deal and upon whose products successful business depends. If, in all, the better labor is protected in its rights, the better will be the security for earnings.

CUBA'S SUGAR CROP.
Is Falling Off on Account of the
Troubles on the Island.
 Consul General Williams has submitted
 to the Department of State tables prepared
 by a competent sugar statistician showing
 that on January 1 only 23,869 tons of sugar
 had been received at Havana of this year's
 crop, against 145,327 tons received at the
 same date last year.
 United States Consul Hyatt at Santiago

ports, latest date of February 1, that the
anters in that part of Cuba are now
inding the unburned portions of their
ne. The work is much retarded, because
ght, fearing attack by the insurgents. If
gmarking process undisturbed the con-
d predicts a half crop in his district.

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MRS. NAYSEN'S OPINION.

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**the Explorer's Wife Has Heard Nothing
From Him, but is Hopeful.**

Widespread as is the interest over the

reascouts of Nansen, an interest extending over the whole world wherever the telegraph and the cable can reach, it can be said that the expedition of Nansen and his party were more keenly felt than in the case of any other expedition. The heart of his devoted wife, who lives in Christiania, Norway, whence the expedition was organized, was sorely grieved when the Fram sailed on June 24, 1893. Having in mind that the first news of himself and his party would probably be directed to the wife, a reporter called upon Mrs. Nansen to inquire what intelligence she has of her husband.

She has received no word from her husband directly. But she is hopeful that the news is authentic, and that Dr. Nansen, in fact, solved the secret of the north pole and is now safely emerging from the icy isolation of the frozen regions.

It must be added that there is a reservation of doubt in Mrs. Nansen's mind, despite the hopefulness that buoy's her up, the absence of direct news to herself leaves a room for this doubt. She will not allow herself to take assurance of her husband's good fortune until she hears it from him. She fears the possible fall from this

...subsequent disappointment.

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RUSSIA'S COUP IN COREA.

Marines Landed at Seoul and the King Protected.

The London Times prints a dispatch from Seoul, Japan, which says: "News from Seoul, Corea, proves that Russia made a remarkable coup on the night of February 10, when that night 200 Russian marines, with a field gun, were landed at Chemulpa and

The king secretly left the palace for the Russian legation, whence he proclaimed his ministers guilty of treason. Two of the ministers were arrested and executed and the others fled. An anti-Japanese ministry has then formed. A bitter feeling has been aroused in Japan. A cabinet council was formed, attended by the military officials.

It is reported that the Russian minister declares that Russia was not responsible, and that he merely afforded protection at the king's request. But it is believed this includes a Russian protectorate over Co-

Advices From Capt. McNair.

Secretary Herbert has received a cablegram from Capt. McNair, commanding the Asiatic station, confirming the newspaper reports of the renewed disturbances in Corea. The cablegram was sent from Nankiasaki, Japan, and is in the following terms:

"Telegraphic information has been received from the commander of the Machias, a Cheefoo, China, as follows: 'There is such (great) excitement in Seoul, Corea, (ing gone) to the Russian legation, and

dered the arrest of the Korean cabinet. Ward has gone to Seoul, Korea. Telegraph wires have been cut. Two men have been killed.
McNAIR."

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Expenditures of the District.

Interesting information regarding the annual amount of money expended by the district of Columbia will be found on page of The Star's Almanac for 1896. 25c. per copy. For sale at all news stands and The Star office counting rooms.

Diplomatic Changes.
 Senator Don Miguel Covarrubias, first secretary of the Mexican legation, has been assigned to duty at the Mexican legation at Brussels, and will leave for that capital in a few weeks. Senator Don Vincente J. Dominguez, first secretary of the legation of the Argentine Republic, has been transferred to duty at Paris, and will take his departure in the spring.